

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 991 - HB 844

February 20, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires permanent placards for disabled drivers or passengers to contain a photograph of the disabled driver or passenger. Requires an additional fee to be imposed to offset the cost of issuing the new placards. Exempts persons permanently confined to wheelchairs or disabled veterans from paying the additional fee. Requires new placards with photographs to be issued when an applicant receives, renews, or replaces a permanent placard.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$60,000/One-Time/Department of Revenue

Increase State Expenditures – \$60,000/One-Time/Department of Revenue

Assumptions:

- Approximately 164,000 placards are issued each year. This number is assumed to remain constant into perpetuity.
- Thirty percent of the total number of issued placards, or 49,200 (164,000 x 30.0%), will be placards issued for persons permanently confined to wheelchairs or disabled veterans. The additional fee required by this bill to offset the cost of issuing the new placards shall not be assessed against such persons. The fee shall be imposed against 114,800 (164,000 – 49,200) applicants.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for 100 cameras (95 county clerk offices + 5 satellite locations) is estimated to be \$10,000 (100 cameras x \$100 per camera).
- The one-time increase in state expenditures for software upgrades to accommodate the new requirements is estimated to be \$50,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for the Department of Revenue (DOR) as a result of this bill is estimated to be \$60,000 (\$10,000 + \$50,000).
- DOR will impose a one-time fee to offset one-time costs associated with issuing new placards. As a result, the one-time increase in state revenue to DOR as a result of this bill is estimated to be \$60,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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